

Reading Extra Work

The Closet Creature



Bump! Bump! Scratch! Adam opened his eyes and pulled the covers up to his chin. He stared around his room, searching the darkness for the thing that was making those scary sounds. The closet door moved as something banged on it from the inside. “Who’s there?” Adam asked in a shaky voice. The closet slowly began to open. Adam jumped out of bed and ran to the closet door, slamming it shut with his palms. He grabbed his desk chair and propped it against the door handle. Then he ran out of his room and down the hall.

His brother’s door was wide open, and Adam jumped onto David’s bed. “Adam?” David asked in a groggy voice. “What are you doing in here?” Adam tugged on David’s arm. “There’s something in my closet!” “You probably had a bad dream. Go back to bed.” Adam yanked the blankets off the bed. “It wasn’t a dream. I was awake, and the closet door started opening by itself!” David sighed. “Fine. But when we don’t find anything, you have to promise to leave me alone for the rest of the night.” Adam nodded. David reached into his desk drawer and pulled out a flashlight. Then they headed to Adam’s room. Adam stopped in the doorway. He could hear something scratching his closet door. “Do you hear that?” Adam asked. David nodded.

He walked over to Adam’s bed and pulled the case off one of the pillows. He opened the pillowcase. “You open the door very slowly, and I’ll grab whatever it is.” Adam slid the chair to the side and pulled the closet door open

a crack. Something banged against the door, trying to force it open. Adam took a deep breath and opened the door a few more inches. A small furry creature ran right into the pillowcase. "I got it!" David said, closing the pillowcase and holding it in the air. "What is it?" Adam

1. What happened right after David went into Adam's room?

- a. Adam jumped into David's bed.
- b. David grabbed a flashlight from his desk drawer.
- c. Adam awoke to strange sounds coming from his bedroom closet.
- d. David heard the noise coming from Adam's closet.

2. What did David plan to do with the pillowcase?

- a. keep the creature from coming out of the closet
- b. scare the creature in the closet
- c. catch the creature in the closet
- d. hit the creature in the closet

3. What was making the strange sounds in Adam's closet?

4. Write three adjectives that describe David. Tell why you chose each word.

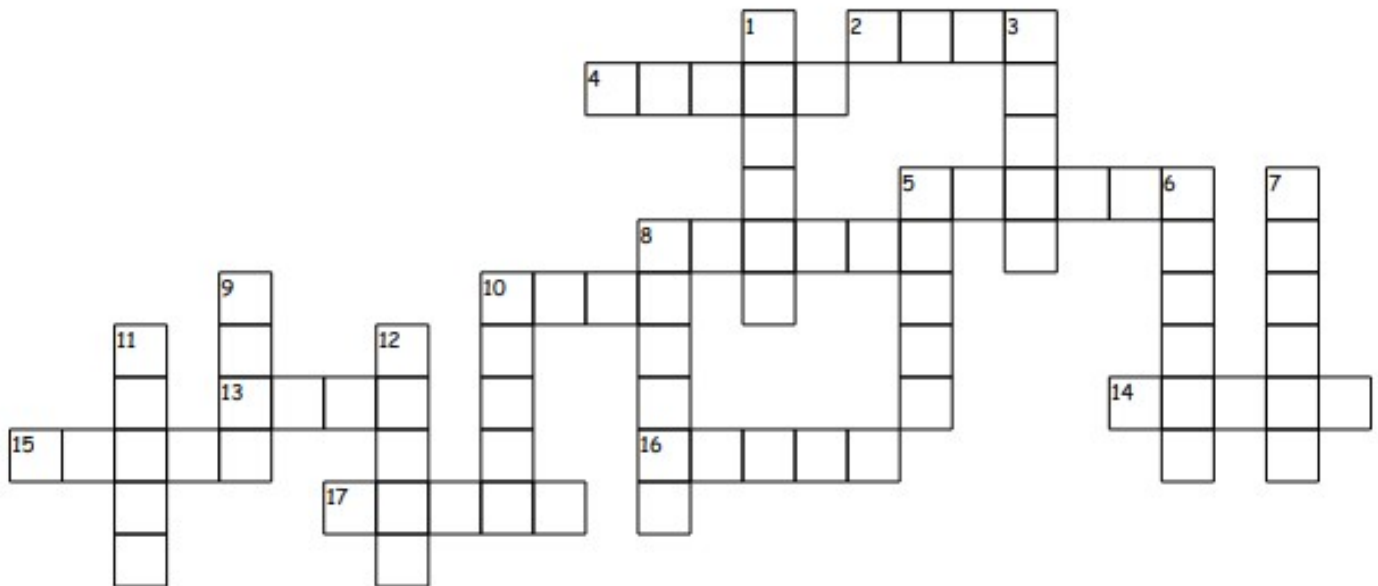
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Spelling Extra Work

Complete the crossword puzzle using the clues.



Across

- 2. to leave
- 4. a log house
- 5. cloth for painting or drawing
- 8. a female sibling
- 10. a journey
- 13. a large set of plants
- 14. move quickly
- 15. a small meal
- 16. paid money for
- 17. a device used to keep time

Down

- 1. to complete
- 3. to move in the direction of
- 5. to create
- 6. an underground train
- 7. paper tissue for staying clean during a meal
- 8. to make wet abruptly
- 9. good fortune
- 10. the idea of focus
- 11. immense, great
- 12. use the correct letters for a word

Directions: Circle the word on each row that rhymes with the word on the left.

traded	foot	behind	skated
great	life	plate	wonder
bear	share	square	perfect
bounce	true	enjoy	announce
grows	blows	follow	tiny
throw	alive	giant	low
speak	girl	leak	drawing
sale	cell	look	whale